

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting March 9, 2004

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman
Henry Williams
Vaughn Bray
Charles Denmark
Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner

The following Board member was absent:

Dr. Jack Borders, Vice Chairman

Staff Present:

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney

The following visitor was present:

C. Randy Swint – President, Hearing Aid Society

Chairman Fargason established that a quorum was present, and the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:10 a.m.

Vaughn Bray made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** as amended from the December 9, 2003 meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

Ratify New Licensee Candidates: A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to ratify the new licensee candidates as listed below. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **approved** by the Board.

License No.	Name	License Type
HAA000016	Estill, Karen Lynn	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HADS000760	Bullington, Richard Herschel	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000761	Burton, Kathy M.	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADE034785	Sears Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034786	Elliott Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HAP000021	Jones, Debra Sue	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAP000022	Reese, Terry Arlen	Hearing Aid Training Permit

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Discussion of how to document CEU hours according to Rule 276-10-.02(3) was held. Lee Tracy, Executive Director, introduced a Continuing Education Report form used by other Boards to be sent to the applicants for their use in documenting the types of CEU hours taken. Suggestion was made to list the approved areas of study under each main area of CEUs that must be obtained. Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney, suggested that a copy of Rule 276-10-.02(3)(a)(b) be incorporated into the Continuing Education Report form. Request was made for copies of the new Continuing Education Report form to be e-mailed to the Board members for approval after it has been revised.

Discussion was held on the discrepancy of the Laws and the Rules in the total number of board members. The Law in section 43-20-4(b) states that the board shall consist of seven members. The Rule in rule 276-1-.01 states that the board shall consist of ten members to be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Secretary of State. A motion was made by Charles Denmark to comply with the Law and change the Rule to reflect that the Board shall consist of seven members. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **approved** by the Board.

A motion was made by Henry Williams to have Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney, to make a rule change in Rule 276-7-.01(c) and present it at the June 8, 2004 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

Discussion was held on the proposed contract for the Practical Exam with N.I.H.I.S. Dr. Femi Ajayi, Director of Exam Development & Testing Section, met with the Board and presented his input regarding changing from the Georgia Practical Exam to the National Practical Exam. A motion was made by Charles Denmark to not enter a contract with the N.I.H.I.S. for the National Practical Exam, but to modify the Georgia Practical Exam instead. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **approved** by the Board.

Vaughn Bray made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) to review investigations/complaint information. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included, Henry Williams, Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner, and Jeff Fargason. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to approve the following recommendations regarding **cases** reported on by the Cognizant Board member and by the Board attorney. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **approved** by the Board.

Henry Williams, Cognizant Report

- Reported on the following cases:
 - HA040015 Recommend to be sent to Enforcement.
 - HA040016 Recommend closing case.

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A motion was made by Henry Williams to send case HA040015 to Enforcement and to close case HA040016. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney's Report

- Updated the Board on cases in her office.

Lee Tracy, Executive Director's Report

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and **approved** by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M.